

**A. MERRITT TAYLOR BARES FALLACIES  
IN LEWIS REPLY ON TRANSIT**

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 Every power which existing statutes would seem to vest in City Councils, or in the Department of City Transit, or in the Public Service Commission. The provision for such a board is of doubtful legality and likely to lead to disputes and litigation, the result of which it is impossible to foretell at this time.

As the Smith lease now stands a number of its most important consequences result from the concurrent operation of widely separated paragraphs, whose relation to one another can be perceived only after expert study. Any such arrangement between the city of Philadelphia and the P. R. T. Company, should, and can be embodied in an instrument the full meaning of which can easily be gathered by an ordinarily intelligent citizen.

The foregoing facts are not only clearly established by the terms of the Smith lease from a practical viewpoint—as I have demonstrated in a pamphlet which I have circulated throughout the city—but they are also the findings of Messrs. Charles L. McKeehan, Parker S. Williams, Thomas Ransom White, William A. Glasgow, Jr., Henry C. Thompson, Jr., and Owen J. Roberts, leading members of the Philadelphia bar of the highest standing, who, acting in a public-spirited capacity without compensation, have studied the Smith lease and given their opinion which sustains these conclusions.

**BENEFITS FOR STOCKHOLDERS**

The Smith lease would also make available to the stockholders of the P. R. T. Company, from time to time, additional funds in excess of half the profits and 5 per cent cumulative dividends on the stock. These additional payments would amount to about \$10 a share. Thus, the stockholders would be assured approximately \$60 a share for their stock, at the expense of street railway passengers, and the P. R. T. Company would also be relieved of supplying the equipment for the city's high-speed lines.

During my twenty years' experience in the management of a number of electric railway properties throughout the country, one of my most important duties has been to negotiate and draft leases and operating contracts. Therefore, I have made very complete and careful studies of such leases and contracts and matters pertinent thereto. Based upon this experience, and a most careful analysis of the Smith lease which I have made, I wish to assure the citizens of Philadelphia that the Smith lease would tie up the city and impose upon it and upon the street railway passengers financial burdens and obligations of a most seriously onerous nature.

**ANSWER TO LEWIS ACCUSATION**

I regret to note that Doctor Lewis publishes a statement this morning that I proposed that the P. R. T. Company should not about \$45,000,000 for the abolition of the exchange tickets.

As this erroneous statement has been repeated time and again recently by proponents of the Smith lease, and as it almost impugns my integrity, I must answer it.

On the afternoon of March 25, 1914, at a public meeting held in the P. R. T. Company's office, which was attended by the directors of the P. R. T. Company, the joint committee of City Councils, and by city officials, I publicly declined to become party to an arrangement between the city and the company which would eliminate the \$12,000,000 for eliminating the illegally discriminatory exchange tickets.

I went before the public and indignantly attacked this proposition as unjust, and defeated it.

The facts are available to any one who will turn to the newspaper files of March 25, 1914, and to any one who will ask me for a copy of a pamphlet which I drafted and which was then circulated throughout the city.

The Taylor lease did provide that certain payments heretofore made by the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company to the city should, after the date of the lease, be made to the P. R. T. Company. This reduction in the amount of the unified system, however, would have correspondingly increased the surplus in excess of the company's 5 per cent dividend, of which the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company has received only one-tenth and the city nine-tenths.

The statement, therefore, by Doctor Lewis, and in Director Twining's analysis, that I propose that the city should pay any such sum as they mention for the abolition of exchange tickets is wholly without foundation.

**LEWIS PROMISES AMENDMENTS**

Mr. Lewis, legal transit advisor of Mayor Smith, admitted in a letter to the Councils Joint Finance and Street Railways Committee today, that certain provisions of the Smith-Mitten lease are not clear. In order to avoid any ambiguous interpretations Mr. Lewis promised to submit to the committee amendments to the lease correcting some of the defects pointed out by former Transit Director A. Merritt Taylor.

Mr. Lewis's letter was submitted in answer to the series of questions on the lease propounded by Mr. Taylor at the public hearing of Friday of last week. In his letter Mr. Lewis took the position that the majority of the ex-Director's queries are based upon misapprehensions.

These Mr. Lewis given as follows:

- First. That the proposed lease guarantees a 6 per cent cumulative dividend.
- Second. That the proposed lease requires the city to purchase the property of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company.
- Third. That the fund provided for in Article XIII and designated an "Operating Surplus Fund" is a working capital fund.

I take this occasion to reiterate what I have publicly stated before your committee on several occasions, as follows: First. That the proposed lease contains no guarantee or assurance of any specific rate of dividend to the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company. The city concedes the fairness of a 4 per cent dividend, but goes no further. Second. That the proposed contract does not require the city to purchase the property of the transit company. Third. That the operating surplus fund



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is not a fund to be used for working capital. However, as Mr. Taylor has challenged my first two statements, I beg to assure him that I shall submit amendments to your committee which will render the correctness of my statements free from the slightest possibility of doubt.

**NO OBJECTION TO EXCHANGE**  
 Taking up the ex-Director's questions in their order, Mr. Lewis admitted that the lease provided for the continuance of the eight-cent exchange tickets until after the operation of the first section of the Broad street subway, and that their elimination at that time is only possible after the Public Service Commission has given its approval.

Mr. Lewis also admitted that the city would be incompetent to lawfully agree with the Transit Company to continue the exchange-ticket charge, provided the tickets are illegal and discriminatory, as has been charged. He took the position, however, that their illegality would be passed upon by the Public Service Commission when the lease comes up for ratification.

In reply to the Taylor query as to whether the continuance of these tickets would not be a betrayal of the people of Philadelphia, Mr. Lewis answered that it would not under the provisions for the ultimate abolition of the tickets.

In reply to Mr. Taylor's inquiries regarding the dividend to be paid the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company under the lease, Mr. Lewis asserted again that there is no guarantee of 6 per cent and maintained that the company will get only such dividend as it can earn under the fare rate fixed by the Public Service Commission.

In regard to the city's obligation to purchase the company's system and the city's ability to retain its own system at the expiration of the lease, Mr. Lewis declared that the city is not obligated to purchase the company's system and that it is not prevented from obtaining control of its own system.

Mr. Lewis denied likewise that the city will be compelled to pay higher fares unless the Public Service Commission regards increases of fare as just as reasonable. He denied likewise that the city has relinquished the right to compel the company to equip the high-speed lines.

The contention of Mr. Taylor that the city has waived its right to build surface extensions and lease them to the company was met by Mr. Lewis with the answer that the city does not now have any such right and therefore cannot waive it. He pointed out in this connection that under the lease the company has agreed to build and operate such surface extensions as the board of control, provided for in the lease, may direct, if approved by the Public Service Commission.

**LANCASTER COUNTY FAIR HAS MANY ATTRACTIONS**

LANCASTER, Pa., Sept. 26.—Today's County Fair attraction is the world's champion pacer, Directum I, in an effort to lower the track record. He will be on the track during the afternoon.

One of the finest features among the exhibits is the poultry, seventy exhibitors and about 1700 entries, against 388 entries last year. The exhibit of bantams is one of the largest ever made in Pennsylvania—553 birds. Among the rarities are coops of Egyptian geese and Japanese Phoenix fowls. All the special prizes in the poultry exhibit are gold purses.

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**200 New Cloth Skirts at \$3.79**  
 Of all-wool serges, poplins, panama cloths and taffetas. Several patterns for choice. All sizes up to 36 waist.

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